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LOK SABHA

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SCHEME FOR COTTON GROWERS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have launched any scheme to assist the cotton growers in both traditional and non-traditional States;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme launched during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether the cotton growers have been covered under the insurance scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL (YATNAL)

(a) & (b) Government of India has launched the Technology Mission on Cotton, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, since February 2000. Mini Mision II of the Mission is implemented in both traditional and non-traditional States, which include Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. The scheme provides for assistance to the cotton growers, through the State Governments, and includes the components of transfer of technology through demonstration on production, integrated pest management and training of the farmers / extension workers as well as supply of critical inputs such as seeds, sprayers, sprinkler, drip irrigation system, pheromone traps, bio-agents etc.

(c) to (e) Under National Agriculture Insurance Scheme (NAIS), cotton crop is also covered along with other field crops. The scheme covers both loanee and non-loanee farmers and is available to all States / UTs. Central and State Governments share the liability on account of the scheme on 50:50 basis. Cotton being a commercial crop, the actuarial rate of premium is charged which varies from state to state and year to year.